

Amendment to Claims:

The listing of claims reflects the changes requested by this amendment and will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

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Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (original) An elastomeric article comprising a coating composition on the skin-contacting surface, said coating composition being in dry state and comprising:

a) at least one polyhydric alcohol moisturizer; and

b) at least one alphahydroxy lactone;

wherein said composition is water-soluble and hydratable upon contact with skin.

Claim 19 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein the elastomer is composed of natural rubber.

Claim 20 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein the elastomer is composed of synthetic rubber.

Claim 21 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 20 wherein the synthetic rubber is nitrile rubber.

Claim 22 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 20 wherein the synthetic rubber is polyisoprene.

Claim 23 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said article is an examination glove.

Claim 24 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said article is a surgeon's glove.

Claim 25 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said polyhydric alcohol moisturizer comprises pantothenol in provitamin B form.

Claim 26 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said alphahydroxy lactone is gluconolactone.

Claim 27 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 26 wherein said gluconolactone is D-glucono-1,5-lactone.

Claim 28 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said polyhydric alcohol moisturizer comprises pantothenol in combination with at least one of glycerin and sorbitol.

Claim 29 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said coating composition further comprises a water-soluble film-forming polymer.

Claim 30 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 29 wherein said water-soluble film-forming polymer comprises chitosan.

Claim 31 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 further comprising a hydration promoter.

Claim 32 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 further comprising a plasticizer.

Claim 33 (original) The elastomeric article according to claim 18 wherein said coating composition comprises:

- a) water-soluble polyhydric alcohol moisturizer present in an amount up to about 3.00% by weight of the total composition; and
- b) alphahydroxy lactone present in an amount ranging from about 0.10% to about 3.00% by weight of the total composition.

Claim 34 (original) An examination glove comprising a coating composition on the skin-contacting surface, said coating composition being in the dry state and comprising:

- a) at least one polyhydric alcohol moisturizer; and
- b) at least one alphahydroxy lactone;

wherein said composition is water-soluble and hydratable upon contact with skin.

Claim 35 (original) A surgeon's glove comprising a coating composition on the skin-contacting surface, said coating composition being in the dry state and comprising:

- a) at least one polyhydric alcohol moisturizer; and
- b) at least one alphahydroxy lactone;

wherein said composition is water-soluble and hydratable upon contact with skin.

Claim 36 (original) The surgeon's glove according to claim 35, wherein said coating composition further comprises chitosan.

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